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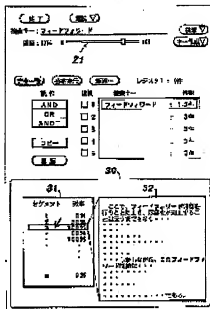
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(54) DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To shorten retrieval processing time by displaying a distribution state which matches or is similar to the retrieval character string within a retrieved document and the matching degree after an equivalence retrieval is performed for all documents and making it possible to easily confirm at which location of each document to be a retrieval object how much extent of identity of the character string with the retrieval character string exists.

CONSTITUTION: A character string is inputted as a retrieval key from a client machine 4 and the matching degree of a display part is set to 70% or more by using a pointing device. The retrieval result performed in the retrieval part of a server is delivered to the client machine 4 and the document title having the matching degree more than a set threshold is displayed on the display together with the number of document titles concerned. Next, when the retrieval character string is a feed forward and a document having the matching degree of 100% is selected, a distribution table 31 is displayed as a popup window 30. The distribution table 31 is expressed by dividing the document into segments 1 to n, shows the matching degree for every segment and displays the contents of the selected segment on a right side (32).



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